



"LO A
VOICE FROM
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19.

The Church of God Evangel



MARK 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD'S LOVE

THE
PILLAR

THE
TRUTH



My Heart and Flag

Each time I see the stars and stripes
Float out upon the breeze,
The urge to raise my unchained hands
And fall upon my knees,
Lift up my eyes unto the hills
From which such freedom came,
Comes to me with this fervency,
"Lord, keep us in thy name:

Free from man's destructive course,
Free from the curse of bondage,
That fain would sacrifice our youth
To cruel gods of force."
Let us as righteous Asa pray,
"O Lord, we rest on thee,
And in thy strength we mean to stand
For blood-bought liberty."

—Adrene Ross Sanders.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1TIM. 3:15

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"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty," 2 Cor. 3:17.

June 29, 1940



Prayer Day

July 3, 1940

***** By J. H. WALKER, General Overseer *****

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayer, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.—1 Timothy 2:1, 2.

PRAYER

Please join in special prayer for kings (Presidents, Senators), and for all that are in authority that we may place God first in everything.

The conditions in war-torn Europe have been and are now more critical than at any time before in all the history of the world—words fail to describe this terrible hell on earth.

SEE TO IT THAT YE BE NOT TROUBLED

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these things are the beginning

of sorrows."—Matt. 24:6-8.

Jesus exhorts us to SEE to it "that ye be not troubled." Many thousands commit suicide, other thousands die of various heart diseases under the terrific strain of such times. We are not to deny, ignore or foolishly pass these matters by lightly, but with eyes wide open know the truth, denounce deceivers and see to it that our hearts are not troubled. Remember, God will eventually take control for—

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever."—Rev. 11:15.

BE READY always, regardless of the circumstances.

While we are and always have been a peace-loving, peace-pursuing people, yet we have always been loyal to our nation in time of war as well as during peace.

OUR APPRECIATION

We sincerely appreciate the courtesies of our government in extending to us who are opposed to war that we may serve in non-combatant service.

thousands of tourists from all parts of the country.

We are offering systematic Bible courses for both children and adults, besides vocal and instrumental music. Children up to the age of fourteen will be given primary courses and from fourteen upward more advanced courses will be given, according to their ability to comprehend. Fathers and mothers are also invited to come with their children and enjoy the blessings of the school. They may listen to the lectures without any obligation to take examinations. Their expenses for the entire eight weeks will be only \$15.00, which includes board, room, and tuition. If you desire to come, write either L. W. Sisk, 227 Federal St., Portland, Me., or G. M. Bloomingdale, same address.—L. W. Sisk.

The South Georgia Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention will convene at the Albany church July 13, 14. We are expecting delegates from various churches throughout South Georgia. There will be

entertainment for all. The delegates that attend will be counted and your Y. P. E. and Sunday School will get credit. We are expecting a great and glorious convention. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost will be there.—State superintendent, Roy Douglas.

FOR SALE:—Public address system. 20 watts, 7-tube phonograph combination, almost new. \$50.00 cash.—Paul L. Thurman, Box 424, Thomasville, N. C.

To the L. W. W. B's in Oklahoma: Please send in your quilt block we gave out the first of the year. Get the names and work them in the block so we can have it ready by your camp meeting. Some have already sent theirs in. Many thanks to you.

Ravia church got the banner last month and Ada gets it this month. Hurrah for our L. W. W. B's. They are surely doing a good work. Send in your report by the tenth of each month. You may get the banner—Mrs. S. J. Wood, state president of Oklahoma and Kansas.

To the churches and pastors of Mississippi: I know we love our state overseer as much as anyone, so let's send him as much as \$2.50 before the state convention. He will need this in getting ready for the convention.—J. C. Webster, pastor, Fairview church, Doddsville, Miss.

A Life for God

RED HILLS, Jam., B.W.I.—I thank God for keeping me by His power divine. I am glad that I am a member of the living Church of God. Truly, as the poet said, "The longer I know Him more truly I find, my Savior is precious to me." I am glad for the Word of God which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. It pays to serve Jesus every step of the way. The more we give up to Him the more He will bless us. Oh, glory to God. Dear readers, in spite of what the devil wants to do I mean by the grace of God to swing out on God's promises for there is no use to tell me that God will prove untrue, for I have tested Him and tried Him and know what He will do. Praise His name.

We, the saints in Jamaica, do thank God for our esteemed overseer, H. A. Hudson, and our beloved pastor, Elder W. A. Shaw. We feel that they are the right men in the right place. The work is prospering wonderfully here in Jamaica. Please pray for me for I mean to be an Esther. If I perish, I perish, but heaven for me.—S. C. Jones.

NOTICES

From the Field

To whom it may concern: Orion L. Alewine is no longer a minister in the Church of God.—Earl P. Paulk, state overseer of Georgia.

The Maine Music and Bible School will open July 8, following the district convention, which will be held at the school beginning July 4. Applications are coming in, one from away out in Idaho, another from South Carolina, one from Georgia and some from Maryland, as well as other states.

Young men and women could not spend eight weeks to any greater profit and blessing than in this school. Maine is a beautiful vacation land, so many interesting things to be seen, besides the very delightful climate which is enjoyed by



The Defense of The Gospel

BY JAMES SLAY, JR.

Philippians 1:7.

WE are soon to celebrate Independence Day. On this occasion all will honor the thought and hold in reverence those who in 1776 were bold enough to claim for themselves the liberty that was justly theirs. This great nation was founded by a group of people who longed for freedom and social equality, as well as the privilege to worship God as their hearts dictated. Tired of oppression and pseudo Christianity, they left an old to seek a new and better world. That they found what they were looking for is evident to all, because God has graciously blessed this country both in the spiritual and physical realm. This blessing, however, is felt by all to be the result of divine approval, and not attributed to His aid in physical combat. The material blessings that have accrued in these years have not been the result of conquests, but rather have grown out of a peaceful reign.

Today, billions are being spent in an effort to defend democracy and so-called human liberties. These billions are not being spent altruistically but rather destructively inasmuch as these dollars are going to build instruments of death and carnage. It is true that we all love liberty and have the highest respect for those who are showing so much interest in the maintenance of it, however, we are of the opinion that strict adherence to the simple teachings of the Christ would avail much more than would the sheer force of arms.

Paul, to whom the gospel was given by divine inspiration, tells the church at Philippi that he is "set for the defense of the gospel." These words, spoken by the aged and feeble apostle, carry with them the import of virility inasmuch as the word "set" in the Greek means poised or standing in readiness. Thus Paul, by these few words, gives to the Church both a heritage and a challenge.

To the Church God has entrusted the gospel, which in reality is nothing more than a divine emancipation from the bondage of sin. Without a true conception of God, and this alone can be obtained by the proper interpretation of the gospel, there is no chance for anyone to have liberty. So it lies within the power of the Church to give mankind the unadulterated gospel.

Some may wonder why the gospel needs defending. This can be easily answered

when one is made to realize the changes that have been wrought in the gospel by the cavilings of men. Paul presupposed this and even had to contend with it in his day, and it was for this reason that he assumed a militant attitude in the defense of the gospel and recommended that we should do likewise.

It is true that the gospel in its power and simplicity is a vibrant force that can stand alone on its own merits, however, it

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The Patriot

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Today the patriotic heart
Is stirred beyond compare;
"Sweet Land of Liberty" is heard
From nation, sea, and air.
My blood feels warm as I repeat,
"Let mortal tongues awake;"

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My breast heaves out as loud I pray,
"Let all that breathe partake."
Her lines become more dear to me,
"Long may our land be bright;"
My lips start trembling as I sing,
"With freedom's holy light."

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No totalitarian could compose
This hymn of sacred worth;
Such liberty cannot be felt
Except obtained by birth.
The poet's cry becomes my own,
"Protect us by thy might,

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Great God our King," for well I
know
We stand if in the right.
Escape with life is not enough,
If I my land must give;
I sing the prayer of Francis Smith,
"Long may this nation live."

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—Adrene Ross Sanders.

is up to professing Christians to give to the world, by a consistent life and sincere worship, a true example of the gospel in deed. One cannot defend the gospel by dogmatizing and theorizing, for this, instead of creating a defense, acts as a destructive agent. We have come to the place where an adequate defense of the gospel must be maintained or all is lost.

The Lord no longer speaks from heaven in tones of thunder but has put into the hearts of His people a message and an experience that will enable them not only to live righteously themselves but cause others to do the same. Some are of the opinion that true salvation isolates and makes man to become a political weakling. This is a sad mistake for if we are to let the world know of the liberties that there is in Jesus and the power of the Holy Ghost to rid men of sin's entanglements we must arise and be a militant people in these turbulent times.

This is a day when Christianity should play a vital part in the social life of man. It is true that the purpose of the gospel is for something far greater than a social reform but since it has a saving effect on the individual and society is made up of individuals, society is bettered. We are not of the Utopian clan that believe that the gospel will ultimately triumph in this age but we do wish to iterate and reiterate the fact that by our defense of the truth we can salvage from the wreck of civilization a few precious souls who long for escape.

It falls, therefore, upon the Church—the responsibility of holding the flame aloft in these times of darkness. For years we who are democratic have boasted of the fact that our form of government has made the world a veritable paradise. Of late, though, we have had to stand by and see literally millions, who voice the same opinion as we, surrender to an order of things that is just the opposite. So we are made to realize that nothing that mankind evolves can long stand the test of time. This is a time of transition. Many are floundering in the sea of dissolution. The world looks, it knows not where, for a solution to this chaotic state of affairs, so now is the time for we who maintain the true gospel standard to arise to the colors and not let the gospel go the way of the ideologies. Men, in times like this, are prone to lose faith in everything, however, in this sad state of affairs they are still susceptible to the gospel.

The great masses in Christendom are not defenders of the gospel. One may defend some part of a fort but if one breach opens in the escarpment then the whole system of fortification falls. So these, by discrediting certain parts of the gospel, are causing the last bulwark of liberty to fall. Therefore, it falls on us who do believe the gospel in its entirety to "stand in the gap" and defy the enemy to pass. In days of old, valiant men vied for the privilege of defending the most vulner-

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Back-Yard Evidence

ACCORDING to the wise man there is a reason for everything and someone has said that there is proof of everything, so regardless of what it is that happens and how people talk, there is some reason for it. It cannot always be judged, however, what is in the heart from what has been said with the mouth. We are living in a day of deceit, nor has it just begun to crop out in the last days for there has always, since there has been a devil, been deceit for the devil himself is a deceiver. Wars are brought about by deceit. Wars are carried on by deceit. It has been said if you should take the propaganda out of war that war would cease. But after all there is something more to the cause of war than mere propaganda. There is a real reason and there is proof of one's fidelity or lack of fidelity even though it may not be on the surface where it can plainly be detected.

I recently listened to a very great discourse by Rev. R. P. Johnson in which he gave underlying reasons for the evil of the age and referred to it as back yard evidence. Said he, "When a murder is committed the evidence is not in the front yard or on the front porch but it has been many times found in a secluded or hidden place." Such has been true all along the line. When Judas was to betray the Christ he betrayed Him with a kiss. When the devil comes up it is often in sheep's clothing, lamblike. He does not take on the aspect of a lion until he has won his point or made a capture of his prey. Just the same as the beginning of Christianity had its Judas, the American Revolution its Benedict Arnold, and other great crises their traitors, it should not be alarming that they are at work today. Just why in the earlier stages of negotiation Neville Chamberlain capitulated to the desires of Adolf

Hitler and returned from Munich saying that peace had been procured during our lifetime, has not been fully disclosed but it may be that after all there is back yard evidence and if that evidence were brought to light it might disclose that there are ties which no one realizes among those for whom Neville Chamberlain was supposed to be working.

Now, after having spent years in Europe and a considerable time in Germany, Charles Lindbergh returns to his country and when we are on the verge of a great crisis and perhaps strife with an enemy, he exclaims as Neville Chamberlain, "There can be no invasion of America during our lifetime." Just why is such a statement made, and why are the other statements which have been so questioned by the diplomats made? Back yard evidence, if dug up, might show that after all Charles A. Lindbergh is a modern Judas and that he is a traitor to his country. He had plenty of time to both obtain and to give all of the information that he wished to give while in Germany and his actions at the present time are not conducive to thoughts of loyalty and fidelity to one's country.



Semper Fidelis

WE are told that this Latin phrase meaning "always faithful" is the motto of the U. S. Marine Corps, that military branch of the Navy which is called on to sail the seven seas in interest of every place where our flag flies, but it is not a bad motto for everyone. It is not a bad motto for the members of the Church of God, for how can a man be a Christian without being a loyal Christian and what is church membership worth to one unless it is loyal

church membership? There are those who seem to believe that when one has given his heart to God from then on he has come under a separate order, and that he is not responsible to earthly government from that time on because his citizenship is in heaven, but this doctrine is certainly foreign to the practice and teaching of Jesus Christ for when the time came to pay taxes He paid taxes. He was loyal to all of the laws of the country where He lived and worked and He taught His followers in the same manner. His apostles who took up where he left off, preached loyalty. Fear God, honor the king, give honor to whom honor is due, etc., were phrases of common use. Paul in Romans 13 taught that rulers are not a terror to good works but to the evil, and that they are ministers

of God for good. In verse 5 He taught that we must be subject, in the 6th verse that we should pay tribute, and in the 7th verse to render to all their dues. The child of God must be loyal to his government and to his country. Such a loyalty helps one to prove his loyalty to Christ.



Let It Wave

THESE words from Alvin M. Owsley, "Listen, son! The band is playing the national anthem — 'The Star-Spangled Banner!' They have let loose Old Glory yonder. Stand up—and others will stand with

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Evening Shades



By Garner J. Wilkins

I believe most students of prophecy will agree with me when I say we are doubtless living in the evening time of the world's history. Very grave and dangerous days are these in which we now live.

"... Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out," Jer. 6:4.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night; but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light," Zech. 14: 6, 7.

Our subject is suggestive of a radical contraction of light in the hours when the sun declines toward the west. Contraction is understood to imply a lessening of the extent or dimensions, by causing the parts of the body to approach nearer to each other. There is a contraction of light when the earth begins to complete the range of its daily orbit. The first indication of this is the diminishing of the brightness of the sun from the first meridian. The earth has reached the first alternate angle from the sun's rays at noonday. The power and brightness of the sun remain inviolate, but the earth's revolution is a refracting medium that figuratively turns its face from the light. Wherefore, it is the changing position of the earth itself that reflects the shadows of the evening on into the darker shades of the night. In plain unmistakable terms, the earth turns from the light to approach the darkness, from the day toward the night. This is a literal fact daily, and will be duplicated in the actions of men of the cosmos world in this closing day of grace, and yet it is said, "in the evening time there shall be light," a light that will combat the forces of the approaching "night of tribulation." However, our subject deals primarily with spiritual events, not physical.

At this time the "children of the day" shall cease to labor and find their rest, and beautiful opportunities to multiply good deeds will end. It is the beginning of the hours when sinful men shall grope in darkness, and because they cannot discern their treacherous footpaths, stumble and fall. When the prowlers in the night emerge from their evil haunts to slink around in the dim shadows to

prey upon the innocent. When otherwise, danger and peril are augmented. And it is the hour when sinful men who scorn the light and cover their sins with a mantle of darkness and essay to hide in the night what the day declares, will cast off the burden of their conscience with its just accusation, consequently losing the proportionate sense of justice, righteousness and godliness and are the more conformed in their ways to the RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD.

Night is preferable to light for those who love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. John 3:19. The chains of darkness are strong links that bind the sinner to the prison cell of sin adjacent to the death chamber, where the master of ceremonies (Satan) entertains the prisoners with fleeting pleasures and fanciful, illusive charms until the critical hour arrives when it is too late to receive merciful pardon from the Prince of Light; and the victims, unsuspecting dupes of Satan, are led away to confront their wicked deeds in the light of the judgment of the morning. It is that time when the hidden things of darkness flourish and prosper. And it is also the time when those who have faithfully worked in the light of the day go home to rest. HOME! HOME! "Beautiful mansions of light, beautiful home so bright, beautiful land, no night, gather us there." Jesus said because iniquity shall flourish the love of many will wax cold. The Word of God declares also that when the enemy comes in as a flood the Spirit of the Lord will lift up His standard against him. We believe that the enemy has come in as an engulfing flood upon the human race today, but we believe also that God will remember those that trust Him.

He Will Guide Us Safely

CANTON, N. C.—Jesus means more to me than this world and everything in it. I am only nineteen years old, but I am saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and on the highway of holiness. I think we should all give our hearts and lives to Jesus as soon as possible before the devil gets too big a hold on us. Jesus is the truest friend we can ever have; He will stand by us when all others forsake, and even in death He is right

there to guide us safely through to the other side. In happiness, sorrow, pain or joy He will be with us to comfort our hearts and help us.

The saddest thing in all the world is to see so many precious boys and girls being deceived by Satan and dragged into hell. They think they are having a good time drinking and dancing, but the end is hell and damnation. Come on, young Christians, let us pray more young people into the fold. It is so wonderful to serve a great God like ours. I ask each child of God to please remember me in prayer.—Sybil Medford, Rt. 1, Box 74A.

Big News From Oklahoma

Our first new church for the Assembly year was Mt. View with twenty members — five male and fifteen female. Brother and Sister Bellah are in care of that work. Our next new church was Burns City, a suburb of Seminole, with fourteen members. Brother C. H. Sharp is their pastor. Next was Pawnee with nine members. We conducted a ten nights' revival there and set the church in order, bringing into it the pastor, Brother Billy Hoggatt, and his flock, also obtaining the building. Next was Moren Chapel. This revival was conducted by Brother W. W. Yoder and Brother Elmer Anthony. They set the church in order there with thirty members. They are making good headway toward a new church building.

Another new church is expected soon which will be called Double Springs. Brother F. L. Neet is the promoter of that and will be their pastor. The delay in setting this in order is a desire to wait until their new rock church house is completed, which is well under way.

Our church in Oklahoma City has been resurrected and is on the map more so than it has ever been. It has at present eighteen members. Several of those are new members lately gained for the Church. Sister Bertie Higgins is in charge there. Brother and Sister Higgins have been in the ministry in Oklahoma City several years, therefore we are expecting it to go over.

Another resurrected church is Oakdale, near Coffeyville, Kans. Brother A. S. Eason, the pastor at Coffeyville, recently went over the line into Oklahoma, held a revival there, and re-established the church with twenty-seven members.

We have also gained a few good ministers this Assembly year. Brother Halkum who is now pastoring the church at Ft. Towson, Brother and Sister Tanner who

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Question Box

Question: Please explain Luke 22:32. Does this scripture signify that Peter backslid?—R. W. S.

Answer: The scripture referred to with the verses preceding and following is a prediction of the denial of Christ by the apostle Peter. Man is either an overcomer or a failure and in this great temptation Peter evidently failed or fell. God brought about the mild rebuke by allowing the cock to crow and bring conviction to Peter's heart for that which he had done, and he repented bitterly. The word "convert" means to change and there seems to have been a great change in Peter after his sermon from the rooster.

Question: Please explain Rev. 11:3. Who are these two witnesses and to whom are they to prophesy and when will it take place?—L. M. C.

Answer: It is a common belief of Bible scholars that the two witnesses referred to are two of the Old Testament characters. Some think them to be Enoch and Elijah while others think them to be Moses and Elijah. They are to preach the everlasting gospel of the kingdom during the forty-two months when it is believed thousands of Jews will come to a belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and their Messiah. This time will be just prior to the setting up of the kingdom in the millennium.

Question: Will you please explain Rev. 13:16 where it is speaking about the mark. Will it be a real mark or a number like 666 or KKK in their right hands, etc.?—E. G.

Answer: That the mark of the beast will be a plain and visible mark administered for the purpose of identification is that upon which most Bible scholars are agreed. The Bible tells us what the number will be. It does not tell us what the mark will be. There may be another visible mark which may be used for the purpose, but will serve the same to identify the one who carries such a number or mark as a subject of the antichrist. Antichrist, a person, is to be distinguished from the many antichrists. 1 John 2:18. The spirit of antichrist, 1 John 4:3, which characterizes all who deny Christ, the supreme mark of all antichrists, is the denial of the Christian truth of the eternal Son in Jesus as the Christ. The many antichrists precede and prepare the

way for the antichrist who is the beast of the earth.

Question: Please explain 1 Tim. 5:23. "Drink no longer water but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake, and thine often infirmities."—Mrs. M. L.

Answer: The other admonitions which were being given by Paul to the young man Timothy were those which affected others, but here he drops in one verse which is meant for him and him alone for special instruction or recommendation. The margin reads "water only," which would make the scripture read, "Drink no longer water only but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine own infirmities." Just what infirmities Timothy had are not explained by Paul as he evidently took for granted that Timothy would understand the why of his recommendation.

Question: Please explain 2 Sam. 1:23. Was King Saul lost?—R. M. S.

Answer: It might be well to quote the verse referred to. "Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions." It might be well to note that this was a lamentation of David over the king of Israel and his son Jonathan whom David loved so much, and in David's lamentation he was extolling the merits of those who had fallen. Both Saul and Jonathan had died in battle, fighting for Israel and against the armies of the Philistines. In this manner they were together, that is, they died fighting for the same cause, a cause of freedom. It does not mean that their spirits or souls were in the same place. The very fact that Saul took his own life, or made an attempt to do so, could not give any hopes that he was a saved man.

Question: Please explain Heb. 13:12, "Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate."—E. B.

Answer: The Old Testament sanctification was a setting apart brought about by the sacrificing of animals, the shedding of blood of the innocent for the guilty. The New Testament sanctification is only provided through the shedding of blood of the supreme sacrifice, even Jesus. His suffering without the gate has direct reference to His crucifixion upon the cross of Calvary.

Testimonies

Thelma Glover of Bartow, Fla., testifies to the precious healing power of God.

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YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

An editorial in the Evangel: The power of the Holy Ghost is falling in many places,—in churches, in homes, on the streets, under the tents, and everywhere there are open hearts that are willing for the Holy Spirit to have His way. Revivals are bursting out in the prayer meetings among the young people as well as the old and not infrequently in the homes where a few saints gather together to pray. These are great days. Surely the latter rain is falling now.

BRIDGEPORT, Ala.—To all the Evangel readers. I am praising God this morning for a free and full salvation that I can live above sin day and night. I am praising God for the blessed Holy Ghost that abides all the time. I am praising Him for keeping me whole, soul and body. When I get sick He heals me. Bless His name! I am praising God for leading me this way nearly 3 years ago and the way grows brighter all the time. Bless His name! I am a member of the great Church of God, the body of Christ, the one He is gathering together and the Church that He told Peter He would build on the rock. Pray for the little church here and that the Lord will lead us to His glory.—Your humble sister under the blood, Sarah Varnes.

Editorial note: Though twenty years have passed away and the little work at Bridgeport, Ala., is no more, Sister Varnes lived true to her God and last year passed away from the stage of action here shouting the victory and leaving a testimony in keeping with the life she lived.

Her husband was very susceptible to severe nervous attacks, but the Lord healed him. Sister Glover likes to read and appreciates the Evangel and other Church papers.

Mrs. W. W. Roberts of Avera, Miss., thanks the Lord for hearing the cries of the saints in her behalf when she was sick last March, although she says her health is not so good and requests continued prayer for her body.



Foreign Missions



ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

NEWS FROM BERMUDA

Hamilton, Bermuda
Gen. Del.
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The Church of God Publishing House
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Rev. E. L. Simmons, Editor
Dear Brother Simmons:

It is with pleasure that we are taking this opportunity to write a few words to the Evangel. We are happy to say that God is blessing in every service, large crowds are coming to the mission, souls are being saved almost every time we come together for service. Here in Bermuda we have had the privilege of enjoying the same joy that David prayed for when he said, "Lord, restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, then sinners will be converted unto thee." I believe that soul-winning joy is the greatest joy in the world. We just came back from a home where a woman lay sick and helpless, and the worst thing was, that she was unprepared to meet God. She said that she would like to be saved. We prayed and God saved her and we believe God will heal as well.

John 1:40-42 says, "One of the two that heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus." Now it was a great day in the life of this man Andrew when he was able to say these words, when he could announce to his brother Peter of this discovery. They had been looking for Him, and for years before this men (Jews) had been looking for the Messiah (which is, being interpreted, Christ).

Brother Simmons, I have received some letters just lately from some of the people that come to our mission here. Some of these have just been saved, some belong to the Church. They are writing us how they appreciate the Lord and the Church of God. I am sending you some of these letters, you may use them if you care to.

These are in their own words, just as I received them. These dear people feel

just as good as Andrew did when he said, "We have found the Messiah," and this is what they want to say, "We have found the Messiah," and not only the Messiah, as you will notice, but the Church of God as well.

Warwick, East
Dear Elder and Sister Hughes:

I just want you to know how much your meetings have helped me. Since I have been following up the meetings at the Church of God mission, I have realized how sweet and how lovely it is to know the Lord, the way that He shows His blessings to the people who trust and believe in His Word, and now I realize how wrong and different I have been all the time before now. And now I want to say that I am glad to be saved, and want to become a member of the Church of God. — Brother John Vincent (a Portuguese brother).

Warwick, East
Dear Elder and Sister Hughes:

I do want you both to know that I certainly do enjoy coming to the Church of God mission. Several people have told me that they just can't understand me, and I just have to tell them, "Folks, I can't understand myself."

The meetings have been a real blessing to me. Sometimes I get a bit discouraged on my job, when things don't seem to be just right, but the very minute I think of the Church of God meeting and start to hum the good songs (the ones you all sing at the Church of God mission) I just forget that anything ever went wrong, and oh, how I love the songs that you and Sister Hughes sing from time to time. Would you please sing for me some night "I Dreamed I Searched Heaven for You"? In the year of 1939 I had many crosses to bear, and oftentimes felt like giving up, from the depths of my heart I know that God has been with me and was my helper during my struggles. It certainly pays these days to walk the heavenly way. I do realize that to be facts. So please remember me and my home in your prayers, that I will overcome fear and be able to live a real Chris-

tian life for my Master. May the dear Lord continue to bless your work in Warwick, Bermuda, and crown your many efforts with success.—Mrs. V. A. Ratteray (colored sister).

Pembroke, Bermuda
Dear Elder and Sister Hughes:

Thank God for Jesus this morning. 2 Corinthians 6:1 says, "We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." To the Church of God mission and members, I am so glad to be with you all. I am glad that God has saved me and given me the Holy Spirit. Thank God, now His love is shed abroad in my heart for the Church of God work in Bermuda.

I am glad for you, Elder Hughes and your wife. Since I got to know you folks our fellowship has been sweet. May God bless your work in Warwick, Bermuda. I want to be a faithful member of the Church of God in this parish.—Brother Charles Worrell (colored brother).

Warwick, East
Dear Elder and Sister Hughes:

I want you to know that I do praise and thank God for what He has done for me since I have been coming to the Church of God mission. The Lord has saved and sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. And I do thank and praise God and the Church of God Mission Board for sending you and Sister Hughes and Brother Horton to Bermuda. We are glad for all the good work that has been done since you folks have been here, and we are sure that the Church of God work is going to get bigger and better all the time.

It is my desire to press on and work for God and His Church. — Kenneth Bean (a colored brother).

Warwick, East
Dear Elder and Sister Hughes:

I just want to shout and tell the world what the Lord has done for me. You know I am just a new member of the Church of God but I feel as if I've been

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LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

"Ominous Days," "France's Darkest Hours," "The Day of Britain's Darkness." These are some of the phrases that characterize the headlines of today's press. Darkness and gloominess. Nothing but clouds and shadows. Tragedies present and impending. Threats of attack from without and within. Groping for a way out. Roosevelt begging Mussolini to stay out of war. The swooping of the vulture to eat the spoils of battle. Buzzards soaring aloft. Men and nations living in constant and horrible fear of invasion. More planes! More men to die! More dollars to buy more war materials! More sacrifice! Higher and yet higher taxes! More and more hatred! More cursing and drinking and godlessness! What is the answer? "IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME."

The idea of taking the C. C. C. boys and adding military training to their curriculum is gaining headway in the Congress. Talk of a compulsory draft is already front page news, coming from Washington. "Take both men and dollars," is the cry. "Oh, if we could have the good old days again," is frequently heard. Oh, my brother, the good old days are gone forever. Look not for peace in your time and mine. Look not for the stacking of arms. There will be no retreat. We are marching to Armageddon! On to that great and terrible "day of the Lord." See that mother sob and weep! See that father wring his hands in agony of heart! See those children cling to their parents in awe and amazement. These things are coming.

Be not deceived, my brethren, America marches toward war! On the evening of June 10, the writer sat in a lonely hotel room and wept as he heard the beloved President pledge to the Allies and the world all of our material resources to aid them in their struggle against the forces

of hell. To send resources is another step to sending men! Total war, I fear is the inevitable end. WORK! PRAY! EVANGELIZE! EVANGELIZE! WORK! PRAY!

The following quotation from Bernarr McFadden's editorial in LIBERTY of June 22: "The fierceness and brutality of the European war has shocked the entire world. We had acquired the idea that we had reached a state of civilization where such savagery was impossible, but here it is. Murder in wholesale fashion. Mechanized warfare. Bombs from airplanes. Trucks to rush soldiers to the front—thousands of them. In the vortex of this horrible slaughter, millions of men are mutilating and destroying each other. It is something that appalls the imagination. All the knowledge gained through clear thinking, detailed analysis that is supposed to accompany modern civilization is now used for the destruction of human life." Again, from the same editorial: "Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, stated in a recent public address THAT 40% OF OUR PEOPLE ARE STARVING FROM MALNUTRITION. WE HAVE PLENTY TO EAT—TOO MUCH USUALLY, BUT THE FOODS DO NOT CONTAIN THE ELEMENTS ESSENTIAL TO PROPERLY NOURISH THE BODY. SLOWLY STARVING AMIDST PLENTY—THAT IS THE ANSWER." If the above quotations are true, are we prepared for the rigors of war? Jesus said, "PESTILENCE—FAMINE."

THE NEW REPUBLIC, issue of June 3, 1940, carried the following atheistic advertisement: "ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL BE PAID FOR EVIDENCE THAT THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD. If the Holy Bible is the Word of God Judaism and Christi-

anity are tenable; but if the Bible is a fallible human document Humanism should be substituted. Humanism is a philosophy that expresses FAITH IN MAN'S ABILITY TO IMPROVE HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS WITHOUT RELIANCE UPON THEOLOGY. It retains all Biblical doctrines that ARE DEMONSTRABLE TODAY. Humanism accepts EVOLUTION, the brotherhood of man, democracy, justice, peace and truth, BUT REJECTS A PLAN OF SALVATION PREDICTED UPON THE EXISTENCE OF ANGELS, DEVILS, CHERUBIM, SERAPHIM, WITCHES, WIZARDS, SATYRS, PYGARGES, ETC." Well, there you are! Away with God! Away with the Bible! Away with God's Word! Substitute Humanism! Substitute animal passion! Lord, help! Such delusions! Be careful! Know whom you have believed!

"The World War all told, cost—apart from 30 million lives—400 billion dollars. With that money we could have built a \$2,500 house, furnished it with \$1,000 worth of furniture, placed it on five acres of land worth \$100 an acre, and given this home to each and every family in the United States, Canada, Australia, England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany and Russia. We could have given to each city of 20,000 inhabitants and over, in each country named, a five million dollar library and a ten million dollar university. Out of what was left we could have set aside a sum at five per cent that would provide a \$1,000 yearly salary for an army of 125,000 teachers and a like salary for another army of 125,000 nurses." Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of famed Columbia University, is the author of the above statement. The tragedy of war. The above expenditures were made scarcely

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Arkansas Convention Convenes at Little Rock July 5-7

THE CHURCH OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOL AT POWDERLY, ALABAMA



We have just closed a very successful revival with a number saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Earl Brewer was our evangelist. We truly thank God for His favors at this place. Our Sunday School is more than doubled in sixteen months. We ask our friends to pray for us that we may do His will.—*L. H. Aultman, pastor.*

Notes of Praise

We just closed a revival at Spartanburg, S. C., with fifteen saved, seven sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. It is said to be the best ever conducted here. The Dunn trio did the singing and preaching. Unity and love prevail in this church.—*J. B. Cole, pastor.*

R. V. Dillingham, pastor at Lauda, S. C., reports a very pleasing series of services conducted by Brother Raymond W. Childers of York, S. C. Brother Childers brings the old time gospel with much power. There were several reclaimed, with others saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, the total number being eight or nine. These services were accredited to their Y.P.E.

Mrs. Sallie Ott, of Winnsboro, S. C., praises the Lord for healing her baby the other night of some kind of spells. After trying medicine, which didn't do any good, she laid the Evangel on the baby and the Lord healed her. She also praises

the Lord for the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. David Farmer of Smithers, W. Va., praises the Lord for healing her of severe pains in her shoulders. She has been trusting the Lord for twenty years.

BRODHEAD, Ky. — The Lord has wonderfully guided me through this gloomy world of sin up to the present time.

I truly thank God for the good news that He has brought into the world to comfort every sad and weary heart that will accept Him. The Lord wonderfully saved and sanctified me twelve years ago. I was only fourteen but by running with my chums and worldly friends I was soon dragged back into sin. Listen, dear brothers and sisters, don't think you can associate with your worldly friends and keep victory in your soul. The Bible tells us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. This also means to keep ourselves away from *gatherings and entertainments*

of the world. That is just how I lost my first victory, by keeping company with sinner friends.

I thank God that I saw the light on the Church a little more than a year ago. God reclaimed me about three months before I joined the Church. I had suffered for eight or nine years of nervousness, stomach trouble and other afflictions, all because I failed to serve God. Trouble came up in our home and I was forced to leave. I wandered from place to place. Many times I laid out all night long, miles away from home, with nothing to eat and suffering with that awful nervous and stomach trouble. I have walked the highways in the rain at the dark hour of midnight, crying and praying a sinner's prayer, seeking for peace and finding none. It would take me too long to go into detail of all my sufferings since I turned the Lord away, but thank God, it is all over and I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost!

I have been prayed for several times for my afflictions. Brother Waldon Asher prayed for me last spring and I haven't taken one dose of medicine since. I was afraid I would die if I quit all my medicine at once because I had been taking several different kinds two and three times a day. Now I feel good and eat almost anything that is set before me. Although I am not completely healed, yet I don't deserve so much. The Lord has been so good to me. I sometimes feel ashamed to call on Him for complete healing until I get out and do something for my Savior in return.

My sweetheart came to the altar and got saved just after I received the Holy Ghost last winter, in the same revival. We are married now, so I ask the Church of God to pray for my wife and me that we may be led by the hand of God and make our home a home of prayer.—*Edgar Howard.*

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C.—I praise our Redeemer for His wonderful goodness to me. Truly I have lots to be thankful for. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, and trusting God with my body. I find Him to be all I need. I have trusted Him for several years and I have a greater desire to trust Him than to try anything else. Oh, He is so precious to me. I thank the Lord for the Church of God. Truly it is

West Virginia Convention Convenes at Beckley July 11-14

home for the saints.

The Lord is certainly blessing us here. We have one of the Church's finest men for our pastor. He has a fine wife who is a wonderful blessing, not only to her home but also to the church. Surely the Lord sent them here. They have three fine boys. Each one has salvation, the two oldest belong to the Church.

We had a home-coming last Sunday. The Lord surely did bless. Since Brother J. R. Campbell and family have been here we have paid up all the indebtedness and are free from debt. Brother Walter Skutar conducted a two weeks' revival here and the revival spirit is still here. People are really getting to God. We have a fine band of young people. A little boy of fourteen, full of fire and the Holy Ghost, is our leader. I am so thankful for the Church paper, the Church of God Evangel. It is food to my soul. Oh, how I miss it when I don't get one. I am a regular subscriber for this wonderful paper. I enjoy each department of the paper; it would be a blessing to any home. Any of the saints passing through here are invited to stop over for service. We have a wonderful time serving the Lord together. Pray for me and the church here to continue on the firing line.—Clara Hagewood, 105 Hamilton St.

GRAND TURK, B.W.I.—Dear saints everywhere, greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus. I praise my God this very moment for salvation. I thank Him that He saved me in 1927 and I grew in grace more and more until I was sanctified in 1930 and I kept longing for more of His grace until He filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost in 1933 with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, and I am so glad of it. There were many others here with me but they got discouraged and have gone back. I go to other places and come back here and the Lord keeps me here alone as I go from house to house where they will accept me. In my own home I also teach. God is working wonders here. I am getting the victory; pray for me. This is a wicked little place.

I am in great need; help me to pray that God will supply my needs. I want to go but I cannot get enough to pay my way, but I know God will open some heart somewhere to help me to keep out on the battlefield. I have no shoes and no clothes. I am destitute. Pray for me here. Still I have the victory through the blood of Jesus. I thank God for Luke 4: 18, 19. Yes, He has anointed me to preach

the gospel to the poor and through His Son Jesus I have helped to heal many broken hearts.

Brother Walker, that great man of God, it would have been my greatest joy to have seen him coming back. He has helped to open the eyes of many people. I would like to get a letter from Brother Paul Walker.

Oh, how I love the good Evangel. I enjoy it so much. God bless those who

think so much of us to let us have this good paper so I can see what is being done in other parts of the world. I received four healing cloths and I praise the Lord for the dear ones who sent them. I had to send them where the brother was. I was sorry I could not get there but had nothing with which to pay my way. My heart is full of joy to see how my prayers are answered. I am a missionary in this place; this is not my

MARYLAND CAMPGROUND, CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND



The Delaware, East Virginia, Washington, D. C., and Maryland camp meeting and state convention will convene at the Church of God campground, two miles east of East New Market, Md., one-half mile from Shohh campground.

Rev. J. H. Walker, General Overseer, will be with us and speak during the state convention. There will be a number of out-of-state preachers who will speak at various times: Paul H. Walker, state overseer of Pennsylvania; Max L. Atkins, state superintendent of Sunday School and Y. P. E. of West Virginia; Rev. E. M. Mortenson of New Jersey; Rev. W. M. Dych; Rev. Stoppe of Reading, Pa.; Rev. J. A. Bixler of Bristol, Tenn., and Rev. Carl Milligan of Michigan. We are expecting Rev. M. P. Cross, state overseer of West Virginia, and wife.

We are expecting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during these ten days of service. God has revealed to our faithful pastors we are going to have a great time in the Lord. Our district conventions have been a great blessing to us. Let us pray earnestly that nothing will hinder us from being at the camp meeting.

We have fourteen rooms with double beds at \$4.00 each and two cabins at \$20.00 each. Those who desire rooms please notify Rev. R. F. Koshewitz, 607 South St., Easton, Maryland. For cabins deposit \$5.00; for rooms, \$2.00.

There will be meals served at a reasonable price and there will also be a confectionery stand. For further information please see or write the following committee: Rev. F. B. Marine, chairman, 2603 Edmonson Ave., Baltimore, Md.; Rev. R. R. Seyda, Crisfield, Md.; Rev. W. E. Raney, 1023 6th St., S. W., Washington, D. C.; Rev. R. F. Koshewitz, 607 South St., Easton, Md.

We trust that each pastor and church will make the honor roll. Our reports show an increase in Sunday Schools in May. Here are the five largest Sunday Schools in average: Baltimore, 181; Crisfield, 151; Cambridge, 127; Easton, 97; Western Port, Md., 95.

All have a special invitation to help us ring the shouts of victory.—W. J. Milligan, state overseer of Maryland, District of Columbus, East Virginia, and Delaware.

birthplace. Pray for me and the new convert who is a native.—Sister Sarah E. Tucker.

Mrs. Margeret E. Sherman of Milford, Del., testifies to the healing power of the Lord after the doctors had told her she couldn't get well. She also thanks Him for full salvation. By laying the Evangel on her body when she was sick she has been healed many times. She says the Evangel is a dollar well spent.

Ora Madron, of McFarland, Calif., who lives thirty-seven miles from the closest Church of God, praises the Lord for the Evangel which brings food to their souls. She requests prayer for the church at Tulare and their good pastor, Brother Ogle, and family.

Marvin Weems of Trafford, Ala., still reports victory in his soul. He thanks the Lord for His wonderful healing power. He says he intends to preach holiness and stand for the Church of God regardless of what the enemy does. He desires the saints' prayers.

Mrs. J. H. Lee of Baxley, Ga., reports that she is saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church of God. She says the Lord healed her two years ago last March when she was near death's door with Bright's disease and heart dropsy. For more than three months she couldn't lie down and her legs swelled so large they burst, but praise the Lord, the Lord healed her and she is still healed.

E. W. Angley of Gastonia, N. C., reports that he has been saved and sanctified and desires the prayers of all that he may receive the Holy Ghost. He praises the Lord for healing his sister the other night when she was poisoned by something she ate. Brother Angley is just a young boy, eighteen years of age, desiring to work for the Lord. He requests prayer for the unsaved in his home.

**** Surrendered My All To Jesus

CRISFIELD, Md.—I take this opportunity of sending greetings to the Evangel family. I have read so many good testimonies in the Evangel, and I am glad to tell the whole world what Jesus means to me. I am glad that I am one of the Evangel family and am real proud to welcome that silent preacher into my home once a week.

I was a subscriber to the Evangel in the year of 1933 and when my subscription expired I substituted for it other

THE LeFEVRE TRIO



They sing for the Church of God. In our opinion there are no better singers to be found anywhere. They are an inspiration to any convention.

This trio is a product of the Church of God Bible Training School. From left to right in the picture they are Mrs. Urias LeFevre, Urias LeFevre, Alphus LeFevre.

Christian papers which I thought were just as good, so since renewing my subscription I see what I have been missing. I have been in this good way nearly ten years. In the year 1930, August 25, I surrendered my all to Jesus. I had been living saved and, like many others, thought I had it all as I was raised in a good Christian home and had good Christian parents and that home was saturated with prayer, but oh, how I do thank the Lord for sending some consecrated people to Crisfield, Md., with an old gospel tent, who were as bold as Paul and Silas and preached the full gospel. It was under that old tent that the Lord sanctified me and baptized me with the sweet Holy Ghost and I am still feasting on the sweet wine of Canaan and the honey out of the rock, and the Holy Ghost is as real to me now as the night He came in and spoke for Himself, praise His holy name, and my soul is just hungering and thirsting for more of God. He has given me a light and I want to let it shine seven days a week, fifty-two weeks in

the year.

I do thank the Lord for the good Church of God here at Crisfield and our good pastor, Brother Seyda, and his family.—Mrs. Edgar F. Gray.

**** The Way God Blessed Me

GUNTER, Tex.—I always had a desire to trust God. At the age of thirteen I joined the Missionary Baptist church, thinking I was right for a short while, but God kept knocking at my heart, showing me I wasn't right. I decided I would get right but I was ashamed to go up and ask for prayer, as I was already in the church. The Lord was so good to me and bore with me until I was twenty-seven years old. Then my health failed and I knew if I died hell would be my doom. I promised God if He would spare me I would do just anything He wanted me to do. He saved my soul. Happy was I for a while, then a burden came on me. I wanted to pray all the time. God sanctified me and I was so happy. I read my Bible but I couldn't get the light on the Holy Ghost.

I came to Texas and heard a preacher preach about the Holy Ghost. That wrecked me; I thought I had all that people needed. My folks would tell me I was right but the sweet voice of Jesus would tell me I didn't have the Holy Ghost. I couldn't give up my people; they were in my way. I became miserable and couldn't sleep at night. I knew something had to be done. I promised God if He would let me go to a meeting I would do my best to get the Holy Ghost. God sent Brother and Sister Easley after me. They carried me to Weatherford where I received the sweet Holy Ghost. Oh, the joy that has been in my soul since I received Him, though I need prayer; my temptations are many and my faith is weak.—Nettie Watwood.

**** God Can Bring Peace and Joy to Our Hearts

AUSTINVILLE, Va.—Praise my blessed Redeemer. I am glad for what I feel in my soul right now. About fourteen years ago God wonderfully saved my soul and gave me the sweet Holy Ghost and my whole heart's desire is to be just what God wants me to be. I want to live a life here in my home that my dear children will see Jesus in my life. I have six children and only one is saved. I want all the saints who read this to pray that God will save my children before it is too late.

We have a fine pastor, Brother G. L. Berry. Pray that his labor here this year will be a blessing to us and God will

bless him and his family and give them new courage to fight sin and the devil. Pray for me.—Mrs. Mollie Grimes.

We just closed a district convention in Weir, Kans. The Lord blessed. The L.W.W.B. is doing a good work there.

We visited the Iowa state convention and can say we enjoyed it all. We were glad to meet Brother and Sister Goins again. It seemed we never heard such good, deep preaching in so short a time. Brother Johnson's message was fine Friday night. Brothers Wood and Davis preached Saturday morning and everyone seemed to enjoy them so much. We were very happy to meet Dr. Davis. On Saturday evening we were blessed with a glorious message from Brother Terlizzi. My, how it built us up in the Lord. We appreciate the hospitality of these good people in Iowa.—Mrs. S. J. Wood.

District Convention Brings Victory

The convention for the Church of God at Higgins Land, Jam., convened on May 14-16. It started with a consecration service conducted by Bishop N. Archer. The preachers in this convention were Bishop C. A. Morris, P. D. Lewinson, S. A. Lewinson, W. A. Shaw, C. T. Johnson, O. O. Wolfe, R. Wright, Bishop N. Archer and Elder L. W. Higgins. Looking on these different ministers and hearing them preach you could picture them as God's ministers. An altar service was conducted by Evang. C. E. Bell, in which souls pressed through the crowd to the altar, crying out to God. About nine were saved and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise God! Our overseer, H. A. Hudson, is to us what the moon is to the night.—L. L. Walters, clerk.

Floy Hudson of Oak Grove, Ky., reports victory in her soul. She says the Lord healed her girl of epileptic fits and now she is saved.

She reports that Brother and Sister Boyd Denham are doing a good work at Oak Grove and the different departments of the Church are doing fine.

Glad For Salvation

POINT, Tex.—I am so glad for salvation. Nearly nineteen years ago the Lord saved me. Four years later a Church of God preacher, Brother T. M. McClen-don, came into our neighborhood preaching the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues, Acts 2:4. The Lord sanctified me and the next night He filled me with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord. I am glad I walked in the light. I love the Church of God.

I am glad I have a praying companion. He has the blessing and is in the Church of God too, but we are not satisfied for we live so far from church we don't get to go much. Pray for us that we can get a place close to church so we can be in service and have our children in Sunday School. Pray for us to be overcomers for Jesus is coming soon and we want to be ready. Pray for our children to be saved before it is too late.—Mrs. Ada Hill.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Paul H. Walker, overseer of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, announces an old-fashioned, Spirit-filled, God-approved CAMP MEETING in SOMERSET, PENNSYLVANIA, July 20-28, inclusive. H A L L E L U J A H!

MUSIC

Music will be rendered by at least a THIRTY-PIECE orchestra under the direction of Edwin Mortenson, formerly of North Dakota, and Wm. Morris of Johnstown, Penn. Every one bring your music to the camp meeting.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS

Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Cross, overseer and wife, of West Virginia.

Rev. Stewart Brinsfield of Detroit, Mich.

Rev. Thea Jones of Kentucky.

Rev. Joseph Hughes of Canton, Ohio.

Rev. W. J. Milligan, overseer of Maryland.

Rev. E. L. Simmons, Editor and Publisher, of Cleveland, Tenn.

Mrs. Pearl Stark, returned missionary from Angola, Africa.

Mr. H. Everett Musser, mayor of Som-

erset, Penn., and many others, besides the Spirit-filled ministers of the Northeast district.

ROOMS? YES!

The good people of Somerset will open their homes for you as this is a friendly little city, located on the top of the Allegheny Mountains and known as the Roof Garden of the Alleghenys. Then too, we have built two two-story dormitories, one 50x80 and the other 36x80, so we have ROOM.

PRICES

Free parking, free camping and no-gate fee. Dormitory rooms—one room with three beds during entire camp, \$10.00; one room with one bed, \$6.00; \$1.00 extra for electric appliances. \$1.00 for electric in tents or trailers. Lunch stands open for entire camp except Sundays. Breakfast 20c, supper 25c. If you wish to do your own cooking we have a number of fire places on the camp ground for your convenience.

GROVE

The grove has beautiful and large OAKS, MAPLE and PINE trees as well as a beautiful lawn, swings for children, etc.

SPECIALTIES

Children's meetings, Bible studies, orchestra music, quartets, trios, duets, etc. Great mission program, whole night for the Y. P. E. and also one night for the colored people which will be Friday, July 26, outdoor musical features, and testimonies. Loud-speaking system, and many other features to make this feast a blessing.

A BLITZKRIEG IN NORTHEAST UNITED STATES

The Church of God ministers bombard the devil's outfit and conquer new church building in Brush Town, Pa., new church building in Mount Union, Pa. 39 receive Holy Ghost in Johnstown, 15 in Union Town, and many others in many other cities and rural districts. New church and property in Atlantic City, N. J., fine building site in York, numbers of men marched on Somerset and completely overhauled the campgrounds, state parsonage redecorated and well furnished. Ministers, laymen, stay at your post of duty, keep in the front lines, fire the truth at the enemy. Be 100% and be on the honor roll at the great camp meeting. COME ONE AND ALL.

Order your Sunday School literature at once so you will have it on time.

THE CHURCH OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TULARE, CALIFORNIA



This picture was made May 12, at which time the Sunday School made an all-time record of 123 present. This does not seem like a very large Sunday School but it is certainly good for us here.

You can see by this picture that we also have some nice churches in this state. This is a new building.

Don't forget to pray for us in California.—R. C. Ogle, pastor.

Requests For Prayer

PRAY FOR—

The healing of my body, my feet and legs swell so badly at times I can hardly walk and sometimes I can hardly get my hands to my face. Anointed cloth appreciated. My husband to be saved.—Mrs. Lola Lovin, Rt. 5, Hendersonville, N. C.

Unspoken request; a friend to be healed.—A friend, Grand Ledge, Mich.

My back to be healed; the healing of Mrs. Cora Hall who is very sick.—Mrs. Laura Watson, Tellico Plains, Tenn.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; my home; my body.—Mrs. Burma Mabrey, Wake Forest, N. C.

My husband to be saved and healed of fallen stomach; my loved ones to be saved; my side to be healed; me to stand true. My husband will appreciate encouraging letters.—Mrs. Murphy Leggett, Rt. 1, Washington, N. C.

My loved ones and children; the healing of my joints; the healing of my mother; Brother Bean's eyes to be healed; a revival in Bermuda.—Mrs. Cecily Bean,

Warwick, Bermuda.

Unspoken request; me—Rev. Daulton M. Short, 702 N. Lincoln St., West Frankfort, Ill.

The healing of Sister Ida Cox, the doctors say there is no chance for her.—Viola Kimbrough, Rt. 1, Jefferson City, Tenn.

The healing of my body of nervous indigestion. B. T. S. students, please pray for me.—Jimmie Rickles, Alabama City, Ala.

My husband to be healed and have more faith, also that he will receive the Holy Ghost; the complete healing of our little daughter; our loved ones to be saved. — Mrs. Earl Mitchell, McKinney, Tex.

My throat to be healed; my mother to be healed of low blood pressure; my father, brothers and sisters to be saved; me to be faithful.—Mrs. A. J. Wiggins, High Shoals, N. C.

A church to be established in Fayetteville, W. Va.; the revival to be held there.—R. H. Tadlock, c/o H. S. Smith, Box 536, Beckley, W. Va.

God to send a great Holy Ghost revival to Holland, Ga., where there is no holiness church; my loved ones to walk in the light; me to be true; the healing of a sick man.—Mrs. J. C. Ratliff, Rome, Ga.

My little boy to be healed of poison ivy; unspoken request; me to be true.—Alice Flatt, Omaha, Ark.

Me to be healed of chills and malarial fever. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mrs. Mary Griffith, Rt. 2, Hartselle, Ala.

Me to have more faith; two boys to be healed; several unspoken requests.—Annie Simpson, Belmont, N. C.

The healing of my husband; my children to be saved; me to be true.—Mrs. M. E. Hamby, Belmont, N. C.

God's will to be done; the healing of my husband of severe sinus trouble; the Lord to provide him with work.—Mrs. W. C. Shockley, Rt. 6, Box 72-A, Roanoke, Va.

Me to be healed of nervousness, hard hearing and bad eyes; my little girl to be healed of skin trouble; my little boy to be healed of head trouble; my brother-in-law to be healed of high blood pressure and be saved; a friend to be saved and healed; my son to be healed of a tonsil trouble and that he will stand true; my son in the army to be saved; me to get salvation.—Helen Harvey, Early Branch, S. C.

My husband to be saved.—Mrs. N. B. Ketron, Kingsport, Tenn.

John Issenhouser, Fox Kenneth and William Barr to be saved and healed. Anointed cloths appreciated. — E. P. King, Rt. 1, Fayetteville, W. Va.

The Lord to bless and comfort Sister J. B. Miner and children in the loss of their husband and father. Please drop her a card. Her address is Rt. 1, Clanton, Ala.—Jesse Mitchell, pastor.

The healing of my daughter and her husband; God to supply their needs financially. Their address is Brother and Sister J. R. Taylor, Rt. 2, Lula, Ga.

The complete healing of my body; my children and other loved ones to be saved; my daughter to be healed. I appreciate those sending me anointed cloths and encouraging letters and for praying for me.—Mrs. Sallie Ott, Rt. 3, Winnsboro, S. C.

The healing of my face and head; God to answer prayer.—Vena Mitchell, Anna, Tex.

My husband and me to be saved; me to be delivered of a heavy burden.—Mrs. Jane Smith, Hickory, N. C.

Our revival here, also the other revivals on this district.—Sam Holcomb, Box 655, Harlan, Ky.

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MISSION

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one all my life. I would like to tell every sinner how happy I am in serving my Savior. He is a wonderful Savior to me. He lifted me up when I was deep in sin. Now I am happy in His love, and have a strong determination to go on to the end. I just want to be God's faithful servant.—Mrs. Kenneth Bean (a colored sister).

It gives me great pleasure in writing again to you, telling you of what good times we are still having in Bermuda. The Lord indeed is surely blessing us in this part of the island. I thank Him for saving me and keeping me and I know as long as I let Him hold my hand everything will be all right. I thank the dear ones again for interceding for me in behalf of all Bermuda as I had such a desire for the Church of God to be here, so it's here and not a dream—it's real and has been a blessing both to saint and sinner. Again I thank you dear ones for Brother and Sister Hughes, also our Brother Horton, they are all fine preachers, I have no fault to find, only wish I had been in this sweet way before. I love the Evangel family.—Sister Cecily Bean, Warwick, East Bermuda.

***** Leaves From the Fig Tree

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two decades ago. Before the graves are green above those 30,000,000 who died, the war guns again roar out their defy to civilization and godliness. "PERILOUS TIMES."

Brave France has fallen. The Nazi hordes overcame her brave but feeble resistance. England and her colonies and dominions fight alone. What can and will England do? Let us remember always that the hand of our God is controlling the affairs of men even in this evil day! He will simply put it in their hearts to fulfill His will. I am no pro-German! My sympathies are all with the Allies! Yet, I foresee the democracies going down under the crushing weight of the forces led and motivated by the antichrist. The odds against them are too great. Day by day, hour by hour, the stage is being set for the coming of the beast. Let the Church look well to her garments, seeing to it that they are clean and white.

Recently the writer was in a city where two of the many great religious movements had their annual gatherings. One of these was supposed to be holiness in motive and purpose. The other was founded on the time-honored doctrine of sanctification as a second definite blessing, sub-

sequent to salvation. I was astounded that during their five-day sessions, each of them, neither of them mentioned one thing about the imminence of the second coming of Christ. Not one word spoken about the grand culmination of all that Christianity has striven for these many centuries. Not one syllable about the hope of the ages! We are told that "UNTO THEM THAT LOOK FOR HIM SHALL HE APPEAR THE SECOND TIME." If you are expecting something, looking for something, planning some one thing, above all others, those hopes will creep out in our conversations. ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HIM?

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***** The Defense of the Gospel

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able points in systems of defense. Why can't we, as Spirit-filled members of His Church, leap to the breach and defend the truth with all that lies within us?

In many of our churches a state of lassitude exists. This is indeed a terrible state when one considers the gravity of the hour. If the Church ever expects to accomplish anything for God, now is the opportune time. One of the rapturous requisites mentioned by Peter in 2 Peter 3: 14 is that we be blameless. The Lord has committed to us the keeping of the oracles and in so doing has placed upon us a tremendous responsibility. God in giving us this commission empowered us with the Holy Ghost to aid in the propagation of the gospel as well as the maintenance of a holy life. If we fail in doing our part then great will be His condemnation. However, if all of us individually and collectively rise to the occasion, blessed will be our portion both here and there with Him.

***** Requests

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My hearing to get better, me and my family.—James R. Grooms, Bartow, Fla.

God to bless my children and guide them in the right way and save every one of them; special unspoken request; a friend to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Effie Couch, Elkin, N. C.

The healing of my afflicted body.—Virgil Hanger, 1512 S. Davis Ave., W. Va.

***** Good News From Oklahoma

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are in charge of the work in Shawnee, Brother Gilliam who is in charge at Moren Chapel, also another young minister there, Brother Cook. Then Brother Hoggatt at

Pawnee, Sister Higgins at the City, Brother Stanley Moore who lives in the City and is doing all he can for us there. Then Brother E. M. Blount, one of our former ministers, is back with us. Last Sunday night he closed a five weeks' revival at Murphy which was a wonderful success, many services witnessing twenty to thirty-five in the altar. Everyone remember our state convention dates — Oklahoma, July 19-21, at Maud; Kansas, July 26-28, at Pittsburg.—S. J. Wood, state overseer of Oklahoma and Kansas.

Editorials

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you. This tribute to the flag is offered to the country in an appeal to all men and women of all races, colors, and tongues, that they may come to understand that our flag is the symbol of liberty, and learn to love it."

There are certain religionists who feel that it is a sin to salute the flag and to show any special respect when "The Star-Spangled Banner" is played, but when I hear "The Star-Spangled Banner" and see the flag of the dear old United States waving, I think only of that liberty for which it stands and that it as a symbol of liberty and freedom is the outcome of those who were persecuted in foreign lands because of their religion and came to this country to establish a republic where we could worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. In this way and sense the stars and stripes stand for every religious order that enjoys life in our fair land. It stands for us because we are at liberty to serve God. Can there be anything wrong in saluting that banner which gives you your religious protection or grants to you the right to worship your God according to the dictates of your own conscience? So then, let us respect the flag and salute the flag, and long may it wave in the land of the free and the home of the brave, not to worship it but to respect it because it guarantees us our religious liberty.

BYINGTON, Tenn.—Dear saints: I thank everyone who has ever prayed for me. I have received the precious Holy Ghost, bless His name, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. You who are seeking the Holy Ghost, don't give up, for I was ten years desiring the blessing and I have peace and joy unspeakable in my soul now. Praise the name of Jesus.

I desire the prayers of all for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost and be healed. Pray that I will stay humble.—Dorothy Wells.

CHURCH OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WHITWELL, TENNESSEE



Whitwell is a small mining town at the foot of Signal Mountain. The church is loyal in supporting all departments of the Church. The pastor is Rev. O. W. Thomas, formerly of West Virginia.

District Convention

The Maryland-Delaware colored convention convened at Seaford, Del., June 7-10. The Lord blessed wonderfully. We had delegates from many out-of-town places. During the convention we had six outstanding sermons by our state overseer, Brother W. J. Milligan, Elder Council, Elder W. M. Patterson and Sister Louise Rock. We also had many other good sermons by our evangelists and missionaries. Our hearts were encouraged to go on. We thank God for our mission offering of \$36.00. We had good cooperation. We thank God for our faithful pastor, Elder W. M. Patterson, and our faithful pianist, Sister Louise Smith, of Philadelphia, Pa. We enjoyed the special stirring guitar selections by Brother Charles Watkins of Chester, Md. All the good ministers, evangelists, state and district overseers are working hard for the work on this district. We have taken in three churches since the Assembly and set forth two evangelists in the convention. Brother Wm. L. Jones brought the closing message.—Lloyd L. Palmer.

Jesus the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever

I praise the Lord for the sweet peace that God gave me when He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost, which still abides.

I thank the Lord for His wonderful healing power. About three or four weeks ago three of my children had the measles. My little eight-year-old boy was very sick. He began vomiting up blood. I knew God could heal for I had proven Him too many times. I sent for one of the sisters and we began to call on God. He did not vomit any more. The Lord

has been a refuge in time of sickness, trials and temptations. He also healed my dear mother of kidney stones. I have moved to a place where there is no Church of God near me. I desire the prayers of God's children that I may be a blessing here. The Evangel is food to my soul. Pray for my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. W. S. Weatherford, Kendrick, Fla.

Grateful to the Lord

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—I do thank God for salvation, something that keeps us in the midst of the turmoils of this life. Without Christ we would be most miserable creatures. We are always eager to go to our mail box on Tuesday of each week to get the Church of God Evangel and read the inspiring messages from the

Word of God. Many times we read the foreign mission page with tear-filled eyes. I also enjoyed looking upon the sacred scene that takes place at the Church of God Publishing House each week before mailing the Evangel out to each of us. I believe through the fervent prayers of those who assemble in this mailing room before the Evangel is sent out is why the paper has proven a blessing to so many precious hearts. — Mrs. I. L. Benge, 1051½ W. 46th St.

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The ordinary man likes to see for himself and it is to meet this desire that Rev. Clarence Larkin uses in his book charts to illustrate his exegesis on the last days and the second coming of Christ. His book entitled "The Book of Revelation" is greatly admired by many Bible scholars. If you are interested in the Book of Revelation from a futurist's standpoint, it would be well to have this book on your shelf. It may be had from the Church of God Publishing House at \$2.50.

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A black and white photograph of an American flag waving in the wind. The flag is positioned diagonally across the frame, with the stars and stripes clearly visible. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a large rock. The lighting creates strong highlights on the flag's fabric, emphasizing its movement.

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Texas—August 5-11.
Georgia—August 15-18.
Missouri—August 22-25.
Maryland—August 15-25 (Camp
meeting and convention).
Louisiana—August 29-September 1.
New England States—Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

The Oak Grove district convention which convened May 24-26 at Wheeler, Miss., has come and gone. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way and only time and eternity can reveal the good that was accomplished. Our state overseer, Brother J. L. Dorman, was in charge. Inspiring sermons were preached by the following: Brothers J. L. Dorman, Horatio Mitchell, Muse, and Arlie Dorman, state Y. P. E. superintendent.

Sunday morning was the outstanding service. Brother Dorman preached a fine message on missions. Although we have only two small churches our people rallied with a \$40.00 offering. We thank the Lord for these good blessings.—Thos. H. Welch, Box 62, Wheeler, Miss.

I praise God for the baptism of the Holy Ghost most of all, but I have many things to praise Him for. I praise Him for the Church of God at Walkertown, W. Va., and our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Hungate. Let us pray hard, brothers and sisters. Now is the time for prayer. We, the young people of America, need to be strong and bold before God. My prayer is for more young people to receive the Holy Ghost. Come on, young people, let's go through with Christ. The devil is loose and doing his work among the young people of this world. Pray that I will be an overcomer. —Miss Mary Garretson, Lego, W. Va.

FONDE, Ky.—Dear Brothers, Sisters, Readers of the Evangel, and all who have sent anointed cloths and letters: We thank every one who has prayed for us. We were in bad health but the Lord has blessed us and has touched our bodies. We still desire prayer. We have an unspoken request. Pray that the Lord will grant us this request here. May God bless the Church of God everywhere and its leaders.—Alonzo and Dollie Mason, Box 14.

Mrs. Emma Freed, of Daylight, Tenn., praises the Lord for His healing power and for what He means to her soul. She has trusted Him for both soul and body for thirty-one years.

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